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1. It has been reported that the Communist Party has decided to arm. Nasib al-Jundi, a Communist leader of Homs, and Rashid al-Issa, Communist of Damascus, arranged with Agob Zeitounian, of the Armenian Communist Party, to bring arms from Aleppo to be distributed among Lebanese communists.
2. These arms were formerly in the possession of Aleppo Armenians who have emigrated to the Armenian Republic of the USSR. As these Armenians could not take their arms with them to Russia, they turned them in to the Central Committee.
3. The decision to bring these arms to Lebanon was made as a reaction to the huge demonstration of the Popular Party (P.P.S., leading political party opposed to communism), at Dur al-Shweir on 1 September 1946.

29 September 1946

4. Hashim al-Amin, son of Abd-al-Muhsin al-Amin, the leader of the Shiites of Damascus, is now living in Jaba in the Shuf district of South Lebanon, near Sidon. On 29 September Hashim went to Tripoli and met Dr. Sami Alam al-Din, Communist leader, Khalid Zakkur, labor leader of the port of Tripoli, and two Shiites from Iraq, Mahmud Abd-al-Sattar and Sulayman Abu Sa'id, who had previously come to Ba'lbek to visit the sick Imam of the Shiites, Abu Hasan al-Isfahani of Iraq, who has since died. Abd-al-Sattar and Abu Sa'id are well-known Soviet propagandists in Iraq. They said that they intended to visit Hashim al-Amin at Jaba.

26 October 1946

5. Ibrahim Nimeh Bizzi (or Bizseh) is head of the Communist Party at Bint Jubail, and Sami Sabbah is its head in Nabatiye: both are Shiites. Ibrahim Bizzi is related to Ali Bizzi (Muhammad Ali Bizzi?). Formerly they collected money and instructions from Hashim al-Amin, but now they are said to meet Peter Evdokimov of the Soviet Legation at the house of Madjarov, a former White Russian, who lives in the Ain al-Marisa district of Beirut.

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6. When Sabri Hamadah was defeated by Habib Abu Shahla (on 22 October 1946) for Speaker of Parliament, Bizzi and Sabbah tried to stir up the Shiites of their region to make trouble on behalf of Hamadah, who is also a Shi'a.

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